Impacts of the Human Population Reading Guide

1. How has the human population changed through time?

2. What factors led to dramatic increases in the human population?

3. How did the human population growth rate change after the post industrial stage?

4. What factors currently contribute to a slowing population growth rate?

5. How do we calculate a population's size?

6. What is migration?

7. What is the difference between immigration and emigration?

8. How do we calculate population change?

9. What do the terms birth rate and death rate mean?

10. What is replacement level fertility and total fertility rate?

11. What factors affect a country's fertility rate?

12. What is infant mortality and what factors contribute to it? What factors contribute to infant mortality in the US?

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13. What factors usually cause high infant mortality?

14. What factors influence birth and death rates?

15. What is a population's age structure?

16. How do you interpret age structure diagrams?

17. How does a population's age structure affect its growth or decline?

18. How can we slow human population growth?

19. What factors influence how many children a woman decides to have?

20. What are the problems of rapid population decline?

21. How does human population growth correlate with ecological footprint?